

After several devastating years after which European imports rose substantially, the gluten industry took their case to the International Trade Commission, claiming that there had been substantial damage to the industry as a result of subsidized imports.

Following the presentation of evidence from both sides, the ITC ruled unanimously in favor of the U.S. gluten producers and recommended specific remedies that the U.S. should implement. These recommendations are now before President Clinton, who ultimately must decide whether or not to fight this fight for U.S. agriculture.

The decision before the President regarding the implementation of these GATT legal remedies is important not only for the wheat gluten industry but for all of agriculture. When Members of Congress, when I am asked to decide how to vote on the fast track, on MFN, or other trade-related legislation, I need assurance, we need assurance that our current trade problems under existing agreements will be aggressively pursued by the administration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the President of the United States to act on behalf of American agriculture and to enforce the recommendations of the ITC for the wheat gluten industry.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:15 a.m.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 12:15 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-547) on the resolution (H. Res. 445) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1150, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 1998

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 105-548) on the resolution (H. Res. 446) disposing of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1150) to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:00 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of attending the 25th National Reunion of American Prisoners of War.

Mr. WICKER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for Today after 3:30 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of attending daughter's high school graduation.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 7:30 p.m. on account of physical reasons.

Mr. DEUTSCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 8:30 p.m. And the balance of the week on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SERRANO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MOLLOHAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. COYNE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. SANCHEZ, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ISTOOK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BRADY of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SERRANO) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. PAYNE.
Mr. KIND.
Ms. NORTON.
Mr. HALL of Ohio.
Mr. MILLER of California in two instances.

Mr. NEAL.
Mrs. CAPPS.
Mr. MURTHA.
Ms. KAPTUR.
Mr. KANJORSKI.
Mr. MCGOVERN.
Mr. UNDERWOOD.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. THOMPSON.
Ms. BROWN of Florida.
Mr. CONDIT.
Ms. LOFGREN.
Mr. TOWNS.
Mr. DEFAZIO.
Ms. HARMAN.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
Ms. STABENOW.
Mr. SABO.
Mr. SHERMAN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MCKEON.
Mr. BEREUTER.
Ms. DUNN.
Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.
Mr. GOODLING.
Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
Mr. OXLEY.
Mr. MCKEON.
Mrs. ROUKEMA.
Mr. GALLEGLY.
Mrs. MORELLA.
Mr. EWING.
Mr. BRADY of Texas.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2472. An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

H.R. 3301. An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3301. An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

H.R. 2472. An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.